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Ms. Magalie Roman Sala, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th St., S.W.
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Ultra-Wideband
ET Docket 98-153 ✓

Dear Ms. Salas:

I am writing on behalf of the Hewlett-Packard Company, with regard to the FCC's Notice of Proposed Rule Making on Ultra-Wideband Radio (UWB). I manage the research effort in Hewlett-Packard Laboratories into the technology and applications relevant to UWB. The department I manage also has active and ongoing research into a wide spectrum of connectivity technologies, both wired and wireless.

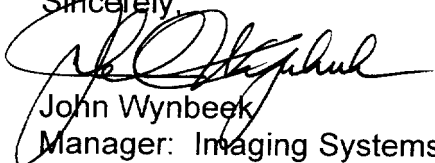
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The key to an "always on" communications network is in finding enabling technologies which may be incorporated seamlessly into existing and future products. This integration requires low-cost, low-power solutions, primarily in the area of communications. I believe UWB has tremendous potential in fulfilling these requirements, as its nature inherently allows low transmission power, and a reduction in implementation size and cost. It is these properties that will allow UWBs pervasive utilization in a wide variety of applications in the home, in businesses, in schools, and in extensive mobile communications and positioning applications.

I would advocate a swift conclusion to the FCC's rule-making process, so that this technology can begin to fulfill its potential as soon as possible. I would also urge the FCC seek a resolution that will allow UWB to fully achieve this potential as an enabling technology, while striving to prevent any possible interference with more traditional systems dedicated to public safety.

I believe UWB has a significant and essential role to play as a communications and positioning technology, in a wide variety of application areas. I applaud the FCC on recognizing this technology, and on moving promptly toward a rule-making decision.

Sincerely,



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